**Establishment of village industry under REGP in Andhra Pradesh**

1330. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any village industry units have been established under the Rural Employment Generation Programme in Andhra Pradesh during the Tenth Five Year Plan by the KVIC;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the targets set for generating additional employment opportunities through setting up of village industry units in Andhra Pradesh in the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) does not itself set up village industry (VI) units. VI units are set up under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) by eligible individual entrepreneurs in various parts of the country, including Andhra Pradesh. For this purpose, margin money assistance is provided to the entrepreneurs by the Government through the KVIC and loans are made available by Banks. 6,350 VI units have been established in Andhra Pradesh under the REGP during the first four years of the Tenth Five Year Plan. The year-wise details are given below:

| Year | Number of Units |
|---|---|
| 2002-03 | 1,818 |
| 2003-04 | 1,097 |
| 2004-05 | 1,988 |
| 2005-06 (upto January, 2006) | 1,447 |
| TOTAL: | 6,350 |

(c) The Tenth Five Year Plan target for generating additional employment opportunities in Andhra Pradesh through setting up of VI units is 2,06,000 (approximately).

**Applications under PMRY**

1331. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received from Andhra Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana during the last two years as on date;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The number of applications received in Andhra Pradesh under Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) during the last two years, *i.e.* 2004-05 and 2005-06 (upto November, 2005) is 49,613.

(c) Out of the 41,716 applications received in 2004-05, loans were sanctioned by the Banks in 24,758 cases and disbursed in 22,289 cases. During 2005-06 (upto November 2005), 7897 applications were received. Of these, loans were sanctioned in 5199 cases and disbursed in 2640 cases.

**Schemes for the benefits of rural poor**

1332. DR. MAM. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes which are in existence for the benefit of rural poor

(b) whether Government propose to launch any fresh schemes in order to encourage entrepreneurs to set up rural industries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when these schemes will come into operation?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTERIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) The Government (in the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries) has been implementing a number of schemes throughout the country. Of these, the most important are the two credit-linked subsidy schemes, namely, the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) and the Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojana (PMRY), for generation of off-farm employment opportunities by assisting individual entrepreneurs, educated unemployed youths, self-help groups, etc., in setting up village industries, including related business/service enterprises. REGP is implemented in rural areas and small towns with population below 20,000 while PMRY is implemented in both rural and urban areas.

Through the Coir Board, the Government implements a number of schemes for development of the coir industry, in coconut growing States.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.